

S-274
Mabel Brittingham House
Tulls Corner
private

c. 1900-1910

The Mabel Brittingham house is one of the most accomplished Victorian dwellings in southern rural Somerset County. Irregular in plan, the raised two-story frame house is embellished with elaborate decoration within the upper gables. The upper front gable is pierced by a tripartite diamond pane sash window. Stretching across the front is a Tuscan columned front porch with an off-center gable front.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mabel Brittingham House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number N side of L.Q. Powell Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Tulls Corner ☒ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mabel Brittingham

street & number L.Q. Powell Road telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Md. 21838

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Md. 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Mabel Brittingham House stands on the north side of L.Q. Powell Road near Tulls Corner, Somerset County, Md. The 2½-story irregular plan frame house faces south while the principal gable roof runs on a north/south axis.

The c.1900-1910 side hall plan Victorian house is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation and is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. A combination of narrow weatherboards and fishscale shingles sheaths the multi-sided structure.

The south facade is an asymmetrical elevation with the entrance located in an off-central bay of the main house. The door is glazed above the lock rail and paneled below. A single-pane sash window is located to the left (west) and right(east) of the entrance bay, and the second floor is lighted by similar windows. The upper gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles and decorated with an elaborate design of sawnwork. Centered within the gable is a tripartite window with diamond pane upper sash and single-pane lower sash. A single-story shed roof porch supported by thin Tuscan columns covers the first floor and is distinguished by an off-center front gable that is covered with fishscale shingles.

The west elevation has an off-center two-story three-sided bay which is covered by a gable roof. The window sash follow the same single pane arrangement. Attached to the lower corners of the gable roof is a series of decorative spindles, while the roof peak is embellished with the same Victorian sawnwork. Interior brick chimneys for stoves rise from the center and rear portions of the roof.

A two-story shed-roofed addition extends from the back of the main block and is lighted by two 2/2 sash windows in each door. A small window lights the attic.

The east elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a two-story single-bay section projecting from the main block in the south bay. A Victorian wooden spire rises from the roof peak. The balance of the details follow the previously described elevations.

The interior was not seen, nor are there any significant outbuildings.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



- ROAD CLASSIFICATION**
- Primary highway, hard surface ————
 - Secondary highway, hard surface - - - - -
 - Trails - - - - -
 - Light-duty road, hard or improved surface ————
 - Unimproved road - - - - -
- Interstate Route
 U. S. Route
 State Route

MARION, MD.
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Near Tulls Corner, Somerset County
South Elevation
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